

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



AUG/SEPT EVENTS

AUG 15 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

19-21 OLB FIESTA

22 STAR TESTING BEGINS

SEPT 2 1:00 DISMISSAL

5 NO SCHOOL

9 ARCHDIOCESE SCHOOL FUND DINNER

16 1:00 DISMISSAL

15 STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

21 ATV JEANS INCENTIVE MONEY DUE



Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel
Principal: Melanie Chavez

AUG / SEPTEMBER 2022

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



St. Mary's students started back to school on August 15. We started the day off right--with Mass, celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Clement called up all our new students to the altar and offered them a special blessing and prayer. We are excited to see what this new year holds for our students and staff!

St. Mary's Begins Studying Virtues in Practice

Virtues in Practice is a program for children in grades pre-kindergarten through eight to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. It is set up in such a way that a whole school studies the same virtue each month, to provide a whole-school (and at home, whole-family) focus. The program covers 27 virtues over a three-year cycle, with 81 saints held up as models of the virtues. This year is the year of FAITH with a focus on SERVICE.

2022-2023 St. Mary's School Theme

This year's eighth graders were challenged with choosing this year's theme and scripture last year as seventh graders. The following are the theme and scripture they chose for the whole school:

"And the greatest is **LOVE**"
Love~Optimism~Value~Eternity

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39



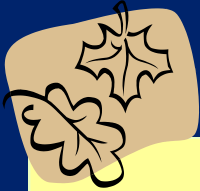
September's Virtue:
FAITH
September's Saint:
St. Augustine of Hippo

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St. Mary's 2022-2023 Student Council

Some of St. Mary's students began campaigning for office in early September. They gave great speeches, and had some terrific slogans. After all the votes were tallied, we had new officers and class representatives. Ainsley Casias-McKay is our president, VP is Tripp Gibson, Secretary is Lacie Sanchez, and Treasurer is Isabella Carrillo. Eighth grade representatives are Linsey Sanchez & Abran Sisneros, 7th grade representatives are Maya Rodriguez & Samuel Chavez, 6th grade representative is Denae Vaisa, 5th grade representatives are Aria Duran and Ruth Worley, and our fourth grade representatives are Johnye Garcia & Peyton Cordova. Their first item of business is to plan a school-wide Halloween Carnival and dance.



St. Mary's Annual Fall Fest



St. Mary's annual Fall Fest will be held on October 15, 2022. This year it will be held at Tierra del Sol Golf Club in Rio Communities. There will be a chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize, live and virtual auctions, a delicious meal, an ATV raffle, and a dance with music by The Daniel Solis Trio Band. Tickets can be purchased at the school! Come join in on the fun!

Monday Meals

Each month, the first and second grade classes collect non-perishable food items in their classrooms. This month they collected breakfast food items. They then choose one Monday within the month to deliver the food items to St. Vincent de Paul.



New School Year, New Teachers!



Ms. T. Anglada is our new 5th grade teacher.



Ms. T. Sanchez teaches our Kindergarteners.



Ms. L. Brown teaches Spanish.



Ms. B. Rocco teaches Art & Music

